



Minutes

Scrutiny Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	Thursday 26 March 2015
Present:	Councillors J Crawford (Chair), I Chilvers, M Dyson, M Hobson and D Mackay.
Apologies for Absence:	Councillors L Casling, Mrs M McCartney and D Peart.
Officers Present:	Jonathan Lund – Deputy Chief Executive, Mark Steward – Managing Director, Access Selby, Karen Iveson – Executive Director (s151), Inspector Michelle Falkingham – North Yorkshire Police, Colin Moreton – North Yorkshire Police and Palbinder Mann - Democratic Services Manager.
Press:	None
Public	None

93. MINUTES

The Committee considered the minutes from the Scrutiny Committees held on 20 January 2015, 27 January 2015 and 18 February 2015.

RESOLVED:

To APPROVE the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 20 January 2015, 27 January 2015 and 18 February 2015 before being signed by the Chair.

94. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

95. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chair explained that this was the last meeting of the Committee before the election and thanked everyone for their support.

96. CALL IN

No items were called in.

97. NIGEL ADAMS MP

The Chair informed the Committee that Nigel Adams had been unable to attend the meeting however he had provided responses to the questions submitted by the Committee and copies of the responses were circulated

98. CRIME AND DISORDER UPDATE

Inspector Michelle Falkingham and Colin Moreton from North Yorkshire Police were present to provide an update with regard to crime in the district.

The Committee was informed that there had been a steady decline in crime rates over the past six years. The Committee was taken through the reports and the statistics available for different categories of crime. The Committee raised the following points:

- Concern was raised that there may be an increase in bike theft during the upcoming Tour de Yorkshire. Inspector Falkingham explained that the Police were providing general security advice for the Tour de Yorkshire however ensuring that bikes had security was down to personal responsibility and it was important to make people aware of the risks.
- Discussion took place on the best solution for anti-social behaviour and it was felt that a presence of an officer was the best deterrent. Mr Moreton explained that new powers were available to tackle anti-social behaviour such as dispersal orders.
- It was felt that police visits to Selby town needed to be targeted as there were a number of incidents occurring before midnight. Inspector Falkingham said that anti-social behaviour notices had been effective. The Committee was informed that there would now be a youth club on Friday evenings which could assist in reducing anti-social behaviour.
- In response to a query regarding visiting schools, it was explained that this was carried out by PCSOs.

RESOLVED:

To note the update.

99. ACCESS SELBY 3rd INTERIM KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR PROGRESS REPORT: APRIL 2014 – DECEMBER 2014

The Managing Director, Access Selby, presented the Access Selby third interim key performance indicator progress report. It was reported that two indicators were currently red and six were amber.

A query was raised regarding indicator SLA_013 which was based on employee confidence. The Managing Director, Access Selby explained that the new staff survey allowed the Council to compare against other organisations of a similar size and nature.

The performance of the indicator relating to invoices was praised and the Managing Director, Access Selby stated that prompt payment of invoices would benefit the local economy.

In response to a query concerning the waste management contract, the Managing Director, Access Selby explained that it was currently a seven year contract with an option to extend for a further seven years.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

100. JOINT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Executive Director (s151) and the Managing Director, Access Selby presented the report which presented the Joint Development Plan following a review of the commission approach between the Core and Access Selby.

The Executive Director (s151) explained that V4 Services Ltd had carried out a review to look specifically at the commissioning approach between the Core and Access Selby. The Committee was informed that the recommendations had been integrated into a programme of work which was currently being taken forward by officers.

The Committee was drawn to the progress of the work which was outlined at section 2.7 of the report.

A query was raised concerning income generation. The Managing Director, Access Selby explained that income generation had been incorporated into the savings plan however there were challenges with regard to what Access Selby could do to sell its products. The Committee was informed of the some of the efficiencies being implemented in the trades team such as performing jobs in the near vicinity of the location where a job was completed.

The Committee was informed of the recent exploration of joint ventures with other local authorities. This included a joint venture with regard to revenue and benefits with Craven District Council and by selling services to other authorities where the Council was currently providing support.

RESOLVED:

To note and endorse the report.

101. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

The Democratic Services Manager presented the Scrutiny Committee Annual Report which outlined the work of the Committee in 2014/15.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

102. TASK AND FINISH GROUP REVIEW – COMMUNITY SUPPORT TEAM

It was reported that this report had not been finalised and would be emailed to the members of the Task and Finish Group once completed.

103. WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

The Committee considered the draft work programme for 2015/16. It was agreed that the following items should be incorporated into the work programme:

- Selby District Housing Trust
- Business Rates
- Trans Pennine Electrification

RESOLVED:

To incorporate the above amendments into the work programme for 2015/16.

104. FORWARD PLAN

The Committee considered the latest Forward Plan.

RESOLVED:

To note the Forward Plan

The meeting closed at 6.15pm